



RIVER ALLIANCE of Wisconsin

January 28, 2009

Representative Spencer Black, Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
Members of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee
417 North
State Capitol

RE: AB 3, Clean Lakes Bill

Dear Representative Black and Members of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee:

The River Alliance of Wisconsin is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing over 3000 members and supporting over 150 watershed groups around the state. We advocate for the protection and restoration of the state's flowing waters.

Phosphorus runoff has been recognized for over 40 years as the primary cause of weed and algae problems in lakes and rivers. Most lawns and farm soils throughout the state are already grossly overloaded with phosphorus, and the excess inevitably ends up in our waterways. Prohibiting phosphorus in lawn fertilizer is certainly not the panacea - in the central and southern portions of the state, agricultural runoff is the primary contributor of phosphorus in our waterways, and we still have a long way to go in that arena. But urban areas certainly contribute their fair share, and in the northern part of the state and around lake communities, runoff from residential development plays a proportionately larger role. Any step to reduce phosphorus runoff is one step closer to clean water.

A statewide ban on phosphorus in lawn fertilizer is a sensible, painless and fair way to help reduce phosphorus in our waterways. Implementation of the ban in Minnesota, which AB 3 closely resembles, as well as Dane County's county-wide ban, has been smooth and for most property owners, utterly unnoticed. Applying a consistent ban across the state eliminates confusion and provides certainty for the fertilizer industry and consumers.

For the sake of Wisconsin's waterways, we strongly support and urge swift passage of AB 3.

Sincerely,

Lori Grant
Water Policy Program Manager

Everyone deserves healthy rivers



Assembly Bill 3/Senate Bill 5 testimony
Amber Meyer Smith, Clean Wisconsin Program Director
January 28, 2009

Clean Wisconsin supports Assembly Bill 3 and Senate Bill 5, bills that limit the sale of fertilizers that contain phosphorus. These bills are important, bipartisan steps toward cleaning up our waterways and protecting them for future generations.

Phosphorus from lawn fertilizers can runoff into our lakes and streams and have a negative impact on water quality. In addition to being a smelly eyesore, phosphorus running into the lakes causes algae, which chokes the waterway and kills plants and fish. Choking out the natural ecosystem also promotes the spread of invasive species.

Forty percent of streams and ninety percent of our inland lakes are threatened by polluted runoff. Everyone needs to be part of the solution in addressing the negative impacts to our waterways. Addressing phosphorus for unnecessary uses is a step in the right direction.

Dane County has led by example, banning the use and sale of phosphorus-containing fertilizers since 2005. Clean Wisconsin urges the passage of these bills, and looks forward to continuing to work on runoff issues in the future.



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Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

January 27, 2009

Good morning, Chairman Black and members of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. My name is Don Hammes and I am testifying here today as a Board Director of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation. The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation is comprised of 161 hunting, fishing and trapping organizations located throughout the State of Wisconsin. The Federation is a strong supporter of Assembly Bill 3 which prohibits the application of fertilizer containing phosphorus to lawns, golf courses and other mowed grassy areas.

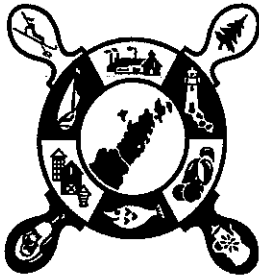
Wisconsin sportsmen and women support prohibiting the unnecessary application of phosphorus as a fertilizer because we know the continuous runoff of fertilizer containing phosphorus into our lakes and streams adversely affects water quality and leads to the rapid growth of algae and many undesirable aquatic plants such as Eurasian milfoil in our lakes and streams. When this happens fishing and many other water recreational activities are adversely impacted in the state.

As an example I am a lifetime resident of Madison and an avid angler on the Madison lakes and I have seen firsthand the major adverse impacts of too much phosphorus based fertilizer, from both urban and rural sources, running into the lakes. The Eurasian milfoil now present in Madison's lakes in some places is so thick you can't cast and retrieve crank baits and it is even difficult to fish with a bobber, hook and worm. In response to ~~this~~ ^{the phosphorus} problem, Dane County a few years ago passed a county ordinance prohibiting the use of phosphorus based fertilizer on lawns in the county. This action is necessary throughout the state in order to protect water quality in all of Wisconsin's waters. My personal observation is that the Dane County prohibition has still allowed for nice looking lawns in the county and fertilizer sales are just as strong now as they were before the phosphorus ban.

Today's Capital Times newspaper states, "Governmental studies in Minnesota, where a ban has been in effect since 2002, and in areas of Michigan that have enacted local bans, show significant decreases in phosphorus runoff---sometimes up to 40 percent." The ban works. The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation strongly applauds the leadership of Chairman Black and the other co-sponsors of this bill and urges its rapid passage in both houses of the legislature and its signing by Governor Doyle.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify here today on behalf of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.

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Honorable Representative Black,

Reference is made to Assembly Bill 3 relating to restrictions on the use and sale of lawn fertilizer containing phosphorus.

Assembly Bill 3 represents similar legislation that was introduced in 2007. The 2007 effort bore no fruit. As it did in 2007, the County of Door supports the reasonable and workable requirements of the AB 3. Restrictions on the sale of lawn fertilizer containing phosphorus for use on lawns where soil tests indicated the nutrient phosphorus is not required is a tool which will help protect and improve the quality of the waters of Door County. In November of 2006 the Door County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution expressing their official support of such legislation (attached).

Both public and private beaches in Door County have been rendered almost unusable due to the accumulation of excessive water weeds and algae which are in part a result of excessive nutrients in the waters surrounding and within Door County. It is not suggested that phosphorus in lawn fertilizer is *the* sole cause of this situation of excessive nutrients; but it is a part of the cause and this legislation can be part of the solution.

I thank you and the many other sponsors of AB 3 for their continued efforts to protect our important water resources. On behalf of Door County I encourage the Committee on Natural Resources to vote to send AB 3 forward to the full Assembly for their consideration with a recommendation of adoption.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Serpe
Administrator, County of Door

cc: William Schuster, County Conservationist



DOOR COUNTY

Resolution No. 2006-86

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE BAN ON SALE AND USE OF LAWN FERTILIZERS THAT CONTAIN PHOSPHORUS

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
ANDERSON	X		
ALSTAD	X		
BRANN	X		
DAWITT	X		
FISHER	X		
FONTAINE	X		
FOREST	X		
GOETTELMAN	X		
GULLEY	X		
HAINES		X	
JEANQUART	X		
UEBE	X		
MOELLER	X		
MOIST	X		
MULLIKEN	X		
RUNKLUST	X		
RYAN	X		
SAVARD		X	
VIRLEE	X		
WIEGARD	X		
ZEPFNER	X		
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BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority vote of a quorum

Motion to Approve: Adopted ☒ ☐

Is Mulliken Canceled ☐

By Goetelman

Yes 19 No 2 Exc: _____

Reviewed by: _____ Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: _____ Administrator

FISCAL IMPACT: No fiscal implication with the adoption of this resolution.

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Certification:

I, Nancy A. Bernmann, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 28 day of November, 2006 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

Nancy A. Bernmann
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Clerk of Door County

1 WHEREAS, It is vital for the State of Wisconsin to protect the quality of its
2 groundwater and surface water, including all of its lakes, rivers, streams, and the
3 adjacent Great Lakes; and

5 WHEREAS, The application of commercial fertilizer on parks, residential
6 properties, and other non-agricultural areas causes excess phosphorus runoff into
7 Wisconsin's lakes, rivers, and streams; and

9 WHEREAS, Runoff from a lawn can carry up to eight times more phosphorus
10 than runoff from a similarly-sized wooded area; and

12 WHEREAS, A single pound of phosphorus in runoff can cause up to 500
13 pounds of algae growth, and the accelerated growth of weeds and algae causes a
14 deterioration in water quality; and

16 WHEREAS, The Lake Michigan and Green Bay beaches and shoreline in Door
17 County and other counties have been plagued with algae washing ashore; and

19 WHEREAS, Door County has over 250 miles of shoreline in addition to inland
20 lakes where the introduction of excess phosphorus can adversely affect water
21 quality; and

23 WHEREAS, Elimination of phosphorus from lawn fertilizer will reduce the
24 presence of algae in Wisconsin's waters and help to improve water quality; and

26 WHEREAS, Reliance on local ordinances to ban the sale and use of lawn
27 fertilizers that contain phosphorus will be ineffective in addressing this matter of
28 statewide concern because landowners can purchase and import products from
29 outside of the municipality; and

31 WHEREAS, That the statewide ban on phosphorus lawn fertilizer sales would
32 be in effect unless a soil test shows that phosphorus is necessary or the fertilizer is
33 intended for newly-established turf and lawns during their first growing season.

35 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Door County Board of
36 Supervisors support the adoption of a statewide ban prohibiting the sale and use of
37 lawn fertilizers containing phosphorus that will preempt and eliminate the need for
38 local ordinances; and

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the County Clerk is directed to send a copy
41 of this resolution to Governor Jim Doyle; Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
42 Secretary Scott Hassett; Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer
43 Protection Secretary Rod Nilsestuen; Wisconsin Senator Alan Lasee; Wisconsin
44 Representative Garey Bies; Wisconsin Senator Majority Leader Senator Judith
45 Robson; and Wisconsin State Assembly Majority Leader Representative Jeff
46 Fitzgerald.

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Assembly Bill 3 - Restrictions on the Use and Sale of Fertilizer Containing Phosphorus

Good morning and thank you for the opportunity to provide comment regarding AB 3 concerning the sale and use of fertilizer containing phosphorus. My name is William Schuster and I am the County Conservationist in Door County. I represent the Door County Board of Supervisors, the Door County Land Conservation Committee and the Door County Soil & Water Conservation Department in stating our support of the reasonable and workable requirements in AB 3 as a tool to help protect, and improve, the quality of waters of Door County and the State of Wisconsin. On November 28, 2006 the Door County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution stating their official support for such legislation.

The premise behind the proposed legislation is sound and simple. If the soil is not deficient in phosphorus, as demonstrated by a soil test, phosphorus should not be applied. The application of phosphorus fertilizer where not needed is a waste of the consumer's money; a waste of the fertilizer; and most importantly threatens our surface waters with excessive nutrients.

We have reviewed some of the past soil test results of lawn soils in Door County. Based on the soil tests almost all of the lawns did not require any additional phosphorus fertilizer; yet when the landowner goes to the local store to purchase fertilizer in most cases they are sold fertilizer containing phosphorus. The landowner is unwittingly purchasing, and the clerk is unknowingly selling, a product that is unnecessary and potentially harmful to the quality of our surface waters.

What we are requesting is really just a requirement for nutrient management for lawns. We are not asking the residential/urban landowners of the State to do any more than what we already require of farmers. Via NR 151, (Agricultural Nonpoint Standards & Prohibitions), the farmers and agricultural fertilizer applicators, are already required to apply fertilizers to their fields according to the soil needs as demonstrated by a soil test; AB 3 requires the same of landowners with lawns.

Again I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today on this important topic. On the behalf of the County of Door, I encourage you to support AB 3 and provide us with one more tool to protect the quality of our surface waters.

I'd be pleased to answer any questions that you may have of me at this time.

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Dear Rep. Black and Committee members,

On behalf of Wisconsin Environment, and our 12,000 members and activists, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for Assembly Bill 3.

As we all know, chemicals in lawn fertilizer are ending up in our lakes, adding nutrients like phosphorous, and as a result, creating algae blooms that are choking our beaches and best fishing spots. Even small amounts of phosphorous runoff can cause massive algae blooms, water quality decline and impact recreational use. Since our soils in Wisconsin contain adequate phosphorous levels naturally, this bill provides a common sense solution and it is strongly supported by citizens across Wisconsin.

Since the introduction of this bill, over 500 citizens from dozens of communities across Wisconsin have voiced their support for passage of the bill, which I will provide to the committee today. Wisconsin Environment members have provided numerous reasons to support the bill, including:

- Kristy T, from River Falls: "I love being outside and enjoying nature and I like boating and canoeing in our waterways. The phosphorus ban is very important to preserve the health of rivers and also to prevent unnecessary algae blooms. The City of River Falls adopted its own phosphorus ban last year after the state wide ban fell through, but enforcement is hard on a small scale. The effects would be much greater and easier to enforce on a state wide basis."
- Colleen K., from Stevens Point: "Like many Wisconsinites I grew up swimming in the lakes and streams around my home. Since I was a child these lakes have changed and become, at times, unbearable to swim in because of all the algae growth. By reducing the amount of phosphorus that will end up in our lakes and streams we are assuring a healthier, cleaner water source for the future."

- Chuck G., from Eagle River: "I am aware of the problems of run-off when it rains and all the fertilizer washes into the streams and rivers. We allow our lawn to grow naturally here and do not use anything for fertilizer except mulch from decayed leaves. The fish in our lake are healthy and good eating."

These stories and countless others provide a strong case in support of restricting phosphorous in fertilizer. I want to thank the committee for consideration of this bill, and urge quick passage to protect our lakes.

Sincerely,

Dan Kohler
Director
Wisconsin Environment

Dear Legislator,

Wisconsin's lakes are a treasure. Unfortunately, chemicals in lawn fertilizer—particularly phosphorous—have been polluting our lakes, causing massive algae blooms that affect water quality, harm wildlife and prevent people from enjoying activities like fishing and boating.

We should protect Wisconsin's lakes for future generations.

Please support passage of AB3, a bi-partisan bill that will restrict phosphorous in lawn fertilizer to protect all of Wisconsin's lakes.

Sincerely,

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sue	murphy	2606 E Shorewood Blvd	Shorewood	WI	2456
Van	Thiel	1506 martin st.	madison	WI	53713
Mike	Cundiff	921 22nd Ave NE Apt 302	Menomonie	WI	54751
Katherine	Songer	923 Emerald St.	Madison	WI	53715
Bridget	Brown	29 E. Wilson St. #308	Madison	WI	53703
Adam	Balin	3045 Oak Leaf Circle	Fitchburg	WI	53711
Dawn	Riesing	145 Ormsby St	Pewaukee	WI	53072
Christine	Verdico	156 Talmadge	Madison	WI	53704
Sean	Bujold	N4624 480th St	Menomonie	WI	54751
Equainess	Price	2320 Renaissance Blvd	Sturtevant	WI	53177
Max	Janairo	2024 E Olive	Shorewood	WI	53211
Kathy	Averbeck	S34W32840 Sierra Pass	Dousman	WI	53118
Michelle	Bogden	43 Cherry Park Ct., #8	Oshkosh	WI	54902
bonnie	orth	3722 hammersley ave	madison	WI	53705
Chris	Peterson	E5359 651st Ave.	Menomonie	WI	54751
Brad	Argue	2124 N. 61st Street	Wauwatosa	WI	53213
Beth	Beck	8825 Timber Wolf Trail	Madison	WI	53717
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Kaye	Eckert	1015 Fosse Ct.	Nekoosa	WI	8799
Julie	Townsend	155 W. Geneva Street	Williams Bay	WI	53191
Gerald	Flakas	293 Fieldstone Road	Delafield	WI	53018
Nolan	Pope	5980 Schroeder Road	Madison	WI	53711
candace	jordan	n5150 410th st	menomonie	WI	54751
Dennis	Spader	720 River Hts Rd	Menomonie	WI	54751
Alan	Jurgens	224 Dunning St	Madison	WI	53704

Richard	Heinlein	PO Box152	Trevor	WI	53179
Barbara	Glassel	4806 Milwaukee St	Madison	WI	53714
Dorothy	Parsons	2234 So. 102nd Str.	West Allis	WI	53227
Nancy	Gathing	3701 Tulane Ave.	Madison	WI	53714
David	Carr	606 S. Dickinson St.	Madison	WI	53703
Ricardo	Jomarron	1345 Morrison St.	Madison	WI	53703
kieran	fitzsimmons	2519 horseshoe bend	hartland	WI	53029
Jesse	Bernhardt	125 High Point Circle	Platteville	WI	53818
Joseph	Wiesner	2005 N. Commerce St	Milwaukee	WI	53212
Rex	Peterson	5705 Tonyawatha Trail	Monona	WI	53716
Carrie	Schudda	510 Ash St.	Oregon	WI	53575
Rosemary J.	Stanek	4209 Veith Ave.	Madison	WI	53704
Charles	Chapin	4908 Midmoor Road	Monona	WI	53716
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Bernice	Durand	4314 Fawn Court	Cross Plains	WI	9780
Roberta	Klesener	2259 S 31st St	Milwaukee	WI	53215
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Judy	Skog	626 Orchard Dr.	Madison	WI	1323
Peter	Fiala	225 E Lake Lawn Pl	Madison	WI	53703
Jon and Pam	Rieckmann	813 Bluebird Pass	Cambridge	WI	53523
Andrew	Moss	4921 W. Wisconsin Ave.	Milwaukee	WI	53208
Roberta	Rudiger	1892 Sykes Road	Spooner	WI	54801
Jay	Bradbury	2046 Rutledge	madison	WI	53704
Mary	Jones-Giampalo	W3776 Lemonweir Ct.	Mauston	WI	53948
Debra	Zblewski	16760 Rosewood ct	Brookfield	WI	53005
Hannu	Andersson	3530 Lucia Crest	Madison	WI	53705
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Jodianne	Escalante	5053 Country Club Beach Rd	Washington	WI	53074
Colleen	Hogan	409 10th St. S	La Crosse	WI	54601
Alex	Mok	777 University Ave	Madison	WI	53715
Amanda	Raster	932 E Mifflin St	Madison	WI	53703
thusuong	dang-grauman	1330 pershing ave	sheboygan	WI	53083
Gloria	Sigmann	3732 Rocky shore Dr	Sturgeon Bay	WI	54235
Peter	Sigmann	3732 Rocky shore Dr	Sturgeon Bay	WI	54235
Anne	Faulkner-Becker	1900 Strongs Avenue	Stevens Point	WI	54481
Luisa	Fumagalli	1365 566th st.	Menomonie	WI	54751
Tiayana	Marks	574 Prospect Ave # 2	brooklyn	NY	11215
Sharon	Stoll	2606 Castle Place	La Crosse	WI	54601
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Robert	Knutson	2934 n Interlaken dr	Oconomowoc	WI	4910
Mary	Hahn	S11570 Hazelnut Rd	Spring Green	WI	53588
Karin	Kircher	621 Congress Street	Eau Claire	WI	54703
Kathleen	Reilly	1514 Hooker Ave.	Madison	WI	53704
Mary	Yost	120 Surrey Ln	Janesville	WI	53546

Leane	Tyska	4153 Cherokee Drive	Madison	WI	53711
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Roselyn	Heil	3560 Hwy 51 N	Arbor Vitae	WI	54568
cassie	danielle	524 martin ln	sheboygan	WI	53083
Mark	Schlutt	802 Jacobson Ave.	Madison	WI	53714
Jill	San Agustin	2211 South Robinson Avenue	Milwaukee	WI	53207
James	Reinke	2845 Moland St. #13	Madison	WI	53704
roy	hansen	3320 Prairie Glade Road	Middleton	WI	53562
Jeffrey	Wahl	4218 Mohawk Dr	Madison	WI	53711
kathleen	king	410 ozark trail	madison	WI	53705
Julie	Hartmann	11901 W. Appleton Ave	Milwaukee	WI	53224
Joan	Dinan	601 Mt. Snowdon Rd.	Wales	WI	53183
Chester	Martin	7612 Hillcrest Avenue	Middleton	WI	53562
Frances	Schedlo	912 Market St.	LaCrosse	WI	54601
Gloria	List	7706 W WATERFORD AVE	Milwaukee	WI	53220
Steve	Rankin	2030 Helena Street	Madison	WI	53704
Jan	Kellogg	3466 N Bremen St	Milwaukee	WI	53212
Dawn	Walker	1930 E. Washington Ave.	Madison	WI	53704
Kevin	Messman	2771 Fuller Drive	Beloit	WI	53511
Marcia	Bradley	1628 Foxridge Ct.	Middleton	WI	53562
Carol Ann	Rittenhouse	N8127 Franklin Road	Plymouth	WI	53073
Chrys	DePas	111 Carriage Way	DeForest	WI	63632
Paricia	MacLaughlin	11147 N Blue Heron Ln	Hayward	WI	54843
Sher	Brandl	1810 Midway Road	De Pere	WI	54115
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Karen	Sherman	9466 27th Ave	Eau Claire	WI	0167
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Glenn	Steinbach	E6198 882nd Ave	Colfax	WI	4624
Dave	Spence	N8792 610th st	Colfax	WI	54730
Mary	Harvey	34801 Academy Road	Burlington	WI	53105
Tiffany	Watts	908 E. Wright St	Milwaukee	WI	53212
Sarah	Biondich	1117 E. Walworth Street	Milwaukee		53212
Deborah	Beduhn	25 W. Newhaven Circle	Madison	WI	53717
wendy	greeney	711 W. Haddonstone Pl.	Mequon	WI	53092
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tricia	glynn	915 w. fairfield ct	glendale	WI	4138
Michael	Magasano	2105 Muir Field Rd. #4	Madison	WI	53719
Paul	Trimmer	1105 S. Barstow St. Apt. 343	Eau Claire	WI	54701
Jacob	Warren	3915A N. Farwell	Shorewood	WI	53211
Patricia J.	Popple	561 Summit Avenue	Chippewa Falls	WI	54729
Samuel	Bates	1236 E. Mifflin St.	Madison	WI	53703
Chris	Giese	520 Autumn Ct	Stevens Point	WI	54481
Krista	James	184 Micheel's Hall; UW-Stout	Menomonie	WI	54751

Ann	Langlois	2015 N. Cosgrove Lake Rd	Spread Eagle	WI	54121
Kathleen	Phillips	704 Milwaukee St	Kewaunee	WI	54216
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Chris	Casper	3802 Drumlin Lane	Madison	WI	6240
CAROLYN	HAWK	3680 ALGOMA ROAD	NEW FRANKEN	WI	54229
Gayle	McCoy	642 Maple St. #134	Grafton	WI	53024
TIm	Streitz	725 W Lapham Blvd	Milwaukee	WI	53204
Dorothy	McKeague	N3489 Chapel Heights	Campbellsport	WI	53010
Chad	Miller	29184 Jana Rd	Webb Lake	WI	54830
Virginia	Handrup	6932 22nd Ave.	Kenosha	WI	53143
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Meaghan	Rafferty	5310 Russett Rd	Madison	WI	3669
Nate	Sherman	2954 W. Hoyem Ln.	Eau Claire	WI	54703
wayne	benning	1505 N Franklin Pl. #501	Milwaukee	WI	53202
john	birnbaum	865 Cubby Lane	mosinee	WI	54455
Mark	Konrath	77 Highland Ave	Hartford	WI	53027
Dorothy	Wood	526 Mill St.	Campbellsport	WI	53010
Sister Monica	Muskat	526 Mill St.	Campbellsport	WI	53010
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Robert	Hill	E1251 Channel Pk Dr	Waupaca	WI	9737
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Irene	Zimmerman	3601 S. 41 St.	Milwaukee	WI	1014
Eva Marie	Lorscheter	333 W. Cherry	Lancaster	WI	53813
Julie	Brockhus	8057 N. Links Way	Fox Point	WI	53217
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Mariel	Wozniak	2945 Fish Hatchery Road	Madison	WI	3101
Helen	Hartman	5118 Flambeau Road	Madison		53705
gloria	van Dixhorn	1837 Jenifer ST	Madison	WI	53704
Roselyn	McHugh	2501 S. Brown's Lake Dr A 10	Burlington	WI	53105
Lisa	Janairo	816 Pershing Avenue	Sheboygan	WI	53083
Cary	Anderson	549 N. Linwood Ave.	Appleton	WI	54914
Wes	Block	609 Walton Place	Madison	WI	53704
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Catherine	Kelter	2707 Park Place Lane #29	Janesville	WI	5202
Jim and Mary					54728-
Jean	Smith	1752 9th Ave	Chetek	WI	9747
Daniel	Robinson	446 Cook St.	De Pere	WI	54115
Travus	Maloney	1745 N Franklin Pl.	Milwaukee	WI	53202
Hilary	Christensen	1526 Windfield Way	Middleton	WI	53562
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woodson	spring	847 e johnson st	Madison	WI	1506
Steve	Campbell	E7602 E. Smith Rd.	Westby	WI	54667
gregory	gazzana	2060 Patrick Ct	West Bend	WI	53095
Becky	Tesch	2418 S Lenox St	Milwaukee	WI	53207

Rebecca	Schwartz	2700 E. Newton Avenue	milwaukee	WI	53211
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Steve	Arnold	2530 Targhee St	Fitchburg	WI	5491
Megan	Mapes-Martins	1248 Portage St.	Stevens Point	WI	54481
Robert	Scheele	1206 Frisch Rd	Madison	WI	53711
Natalie	Eierman	444 Central Ave	Beloit	WI	53511
Patricia	Gott	917 Smith St.	Stevens Point	WI	54481
mike	ogren	1040 n. 68th st.	wauwatosa	WI	53213
Leslie	Stephany	2209 Tanager Trail	Madison	WI	53711
Dorota	Pruski	1530 W. Wisconsin Ave.	Milwaukee	WI	53233
antonia	nelson	1962 N. Prospect Ave	Milwaukee	WI	53202
Richard	Birch	P.O. Box 11238	Shorewood	WI	53211
Dolores	Hrdina	1600 O'Day Street #8	Merrill	WI	54452
Patricia	Baier	2733 W. Lapham	Milwaukee	WI	53215
Steven	Schreiber	N3796 Deep Lake		WI	54870
Andrew	Schmidt	4306 E M-H Townline Rd	Milton	WI	53563
Ariel	DeBroux	108 N. Breese Ter #3	Madison	WI	53726
Paul	Mansfield	1823 east wood place	Shorewood	WI	53211
Robert	Schiller	212 Schley Pass	Madison	WI	53703
Vicky	Freybler	202 N. Segoe Rd. Apt. 1B	Madison	WI	53705
Daryll	Michaelis	11716 N. Country lane	Mequon	WI	53092
Maggie	Hippman			WI	
Frank	Megyery	PO BOX 216	Minong	WI	54859
Lynne S.	Diebel	316 Grant Street	Stoughton	WI	53589
Richard	Birch	P.O. Box 11238	Shorewood	WI	53211
Tim	Lienau	N1301 County Rd. Y	Menomonie	WI	54751
Connie	Quam	PO Box 89	Shell Lake	WI	54871
Helen	Malcheski	234 Mill St.	Campbellsport	WI	53010
Joan	Tendler	7807 W. Beloit Rd.	West Allis	WI	53219
Ted	Voth Jr	1335 Williamson #2	Madison	WI	53703
Crystal	M	p o box 207	Trevor	WI	53179
Marie	Gnader	9405 West Howard Avenue	Greenfield	WI	53228
Jaquelyn	Chagnon	214 Grand Canyon Dr.	Madison	WI	53705
Rebecca	Reinhart	4807 Winnequah Rd	Monona	WI	53716
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Sharon	Kubes	1620 S 58 Street	West Allis	WI	5115
Melanie	Ariens	4932 N. Newhall Street	Whitefish Bay	WI	53217
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Elaine	Gremminger	526 Mill St.	Campbellsport	WI	3502
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Betty	Hammond	N2546 State Hwy 35	Stoddard	WI	9006
Donald	Moss	2448 S 18th St	Manitowoc	WI	54220
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JUDITH	BENTLEY	10010 WINDPOINT LN	OOSTBURG	WI	1933

Jesse	Allhands	190 Prairie View St	Oregon	WI	53575
Anna	Carini	1012 E. Wright St. Apt. 2	Milwaukee	WI	53212
Gina	Castro	5343 Harmony Townhall Road	Janesville	WI	53546
Robert	Beets	2422 E Bradford Ave	MILWAUKEE	WI	53211
Michael	Wood	729 Bergen St.	Madison	WI	53714
Lindsay	North	505 East Gorham St.	Madison	WI	53703
Michael	Herrick	4219 Meadow Lane	Eau Claire	WI	54701
Becky	Hickman	1716 W. Wisconsin Ave #301	Milwaukee	WI	53233
Kathleen	McCormick	547 East Dover St.	Milwaukee	WI	53207
Cheryll	McCormick	13 Newport Circle	Madison	WI	53719
Amy	Holt	2952 Ivanhoe Glen	Fitchburg	WI	53711
Jennifer	Obudzinski		Milwaukee	WI	53202
Natalie	Byrne	318 Amoth Ct Apt 1F	Madison	WI	53704
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Mildred	Warner	526 Mill St.	Campbellsport	WI	3502
Kevin	Hite	2532 Fifth Ave	Stevens Point	WI	54481
Don and Robertat	Thurstin Timmerman	N15878 Tamarack Rd. Park Falls WI	Park Falls	WI	54552
Don	Ferber	4700 Allis Ave	Madison	WI	53716
Marilyn	Pedretti	N7097 County road XX	Holmen	WI	54636
Marc	Vike	301 Valley View Street	Verona	WI	53593
Linda	Bernhardt	125 High Point Circle	Platteville	WI	53818
Debra	Skup	5323 Silverdale Rd	Sturgeson Bay	WI	54235
Julie	Steinle	205 E 3rd St	Waunakee	WI	53597
Marie	Greenfield	1210 W. Riverview Dr.	Milwaukee	WI	53209
Anna	Katter	517 W. Mifflin #2	Madison	WI	53703
Wayne	Peterson	709 Diving Hawk Trail	Madison	WI	53713
John	White	4058 N. Richland Ct.	Shorewood	WI	53211
Lane	Hall	6437 Upper Parkway North	wauwatosa	WI	53213
mary	niedermeier	2021 CHADBOURNE AVE	MADISON	WI	53726
Jodi	Streicher	4821 Bayfield Ter	Madison	WI	53705
tony	kosina	6033 dogwood rod	wausau	WI	54401
MARY	ASKIN	5810 N. Ames Terrace	Glendale	WI	53209
		6994 Frank Lloyd Wright Avenue	Middleton	WI	53562
Gabrielle	Hinahara		Verona	WI	53593
Kari	Vike	301 Valley View St.	Birchwood	WI	54817
Charles	Aldrian	2570N Thayer Road	Janesville	WI	53545
Kathryn	Cramer	1915 Eastwood Ave	Milwaukee	WI	53211
Lindsey	LeFebre	2634 N Marland Ave	Kenosha	WI	53143
Ed	Montano	7703 6th Ave	Oshkosh		54901
Neil	KOENEMAN	1651 Jackson St.	Egg Harbor	WI	54209
Clifford	Orsted	6329 State Highway 42	Wauwatosa	WI	53213
Mary	Guentner	5723 W Wells St			

Joel	Creswell	1338 Rutledge St. Apt. 1	Madison	WI	53703
Gary	Thompson	3318 Heatherdell Lane	madison	WI	53713
Rob	Magasano	6822 Chelsea St	MADISON	WI	53719
Kelly	Maly	4713 Agate Lane	Madison	WI	53714
Bob	Oertel	310 Wolff Street	RACINE	WI	53402
Pamela	Kutella	7442 Latham Road	Lodi	WI	53555
Peter	Holzinger	E Linnwood Ave	Milwaukee	WI	53202
Susan	Foote-Martin	PO Box 7921	Madison	WI	53707-7921
Marie	Koch	1417 Nevada Rd	Madison	WI	53704-1856
Brian	Pierce	3115 Brook Park Dr.	Green Bay	WI	54311
Deanna	Savage	1835 Washington Ave #3	Cedarburg	WI	53012
Hannah	Bindert	1923 Sherman Ave. Apt. 17	Madison	WI	53704
Margaret	Moore	315 N Main St	Pardeeville	WI	53954
arno	michaels	11616 n country la	Mequon	WI	53092
Jason	Hall	447 W DOTY ST	MADISON	WI	53703
elliot	williams	547 s randall ave	madison	WI	53715
Vickie	Hall	925 N 4th St	Sheboygan	WI	53081
Tammer	Fadel	10596 W. Cortez Cir APT 9	Franklin	WI	53132
carol	portwine	7459 county road N	Avoca	WI	53506
Sarah	Williams	2118 Yahara Place	Madison	WI	53704
William	James	2819 N Frederick Ave	Milwaukee	WI	53211
Dale	Konle	N6240 Stonewood	Watertown	WI	53094
Megan	Touchett	PO Box 85	Long Lake	WI	54542
Suzanne	Tollander	N 2012 Co. Hwy M	Sarona	WI	54870
Eulalia	Puig Abril	1209 Cherry Ave	Madison	WI	53714
David	Rack	4690 Rainbow Ridge Ct	Egg Harbor	WI	54209
Thomas	Friedrich	8305 Shale Dr.	Madison	WI	53719
Lucy	Moore	721 Oneida Pl	Madison	WI	53711
Darcie	Galowitch	221 S Marquette St.	Madison	WI	53704
dean	anderson	121 s river st	waterford	WI	53185
marc	thompson	938 10th st n	hudson	WI	54016
Alexander	Choi	924 S 19th St Apt 5	Milwaukee	WI	53204
Diane	Johnson	3205 S. 9th Place	Milwaukee	WI	53215
Peter	Reichmann	4556 N 74th St	Milwaukee		53218
Deborah	Anguil	8855 N. 55th Street	Milwaukee	WI	53223
Jason	Much	408 Oneida St	Beaver Dam	WI	53916
Stefanie	Nadeau	8466 N 51st St	Brown Deer	WI	53223
Becky	Jones	3012 Deer Creek Drive	Racine	WI	53406
Eileen	Rugolo	171 W. Tripoli Ave.	Milwaukee	WI	53207
rick	gorud	p.o. box 1	Minong	WI	54859
karsten	Holmquist	406 Castle Pl	Madison	WI	53703

Margaret	Washa	2870 Old Creek Road	Middleton	WI	53562
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Robert	Greenstreet	1332 1/2 Dodge Street	Lake Geneva	WI	1310
Phil	Biebl	157 Division St.	Madison	WI	53704
Gordon	Braun	2809 S. East St.	Appleton	WI	54915
David	Eagan	P.O. Box 3020	Madison	WI	53704
Theron	Seitz	809 Azalea Terrace	Beloit	WI	53511
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DIANE	ALBRECHT	PO BOX 165	ARENA	WI	0165
Jill	Bornor	2731 Frontier Drive		WI	53404
S	Erbes	2181 N 61 Street	Wuawatosha	WI	53213
April	Johnson	2225 Regent St.	Madison	WI	53726
Paul	Kruse	N5434 Circle Dr	Onalaska	WI	54650
Frank	Straka	E6319 Cty K	Algoma	WI	54201
Ralph	Lewis	403 N. Main St. Unit F	Thiensville	WI	53092
Bruce	Bowers	1401 W 8TH AVE	WASHBURN	WI	54891
Don	Rembert	5813 Thrush Ln.	Madison	WI	53711
Holly	Moore	3114 Forest Run Way	Madison	WI	53704
Bethanne	Yeager	612 Rogers St.	Madison	WI	53703
glenda	puhek	2628 north weil street	milwaukee	WI	53212
Tom	Robbins	6811 Raymond Rd.	Madison	WI	53719
Jentri	Colello	212 Schley Pass	Madison	WI	53703
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Marjorie	Bierbrauer	160 Preston Drive	Platteville	WI	3019
Inga	Hagge	P. O. Box 10	Hazelhurst	WI	54531
Philip	Wells	3104 Sunrise Court	Middleton	WI	53562
Carolyn	Rose	3061 Creek Side Way	Cross Plains	WI	53528
Lewis	Koch	2661 East Johnson St	Madison	WI	53704
Kate	Parent	12453 Cty. Hwy. DD	Colfax	WI	54730
Peter	Shively	1919 Keyes Avenue	Madison	WI	53711
Garrett	Lee	304 Eagle Heights Apt. H	Madison	WI	53705
Bill	Goodrich	3310 NOTTINGHAM WAY	MADISON	WI	53713
Todd	Hayes	130 S Main St	Fond du Lac	WI	54935
Frank	Myers	3041 Old Creek Rd.	Middleton	WI	53562
Heather	Morrison	810 John Street	Waunakee	WI	53597
Dan	Corona	3126 N. 88th	Milwaukee	WI	53222
Kerry	Wiedemann	1840 N. 18 St	Milwaukee	WI	53205
Jason	Trendel	1913 Rustic Way	Waukesha	WI	53186
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Randolph	Schoedler	3709 W Michigan St	Milwaukee	WI	3714
Jill	Speer	222 N. Pinckney St.	Madison	WI	53703
Tod	Pubanz	W11940 Pevonka Ln	Leopolis	WI	54948
laura	goergen	8216 north gray log lane	fox point	WI	53217
karen	allaire	2217 Rusk Street	Madison	WI	53704

Tyler	Robbins	560 Berwick Drive	Sun Prairie	WI	53590
David	Johnson	3205 S. 9th Place	Milwaukee	WI	53215
Craig	Anderson	225 South Owen Drive	Madison	WI	53705
	Dally-				
Mary	Muenzmaier	1534 N Humboldt Ave #1	Milwaukee	WI	53202
Colin	Burreson	141 N Franklin St, Apt 4	Madison	WI	53703
Brad	Postle	118 Forest St.	Madison	WI	53726
Brian	Spredemann	106 Cobham Dr	Sun Prairie	WI	53590
Bryan	Miller	6205 240th Ave	Salem	WI	53168
Lisa	Magis	2230 Lakeland Ave.	Madison	WI	53704
Roy	Underhill	14535 Club Dr.	Elm Grove	WI	53122
Janet	Hinkfuss	846 9th Street	Green Bay	WI	54304
Charles & Jean	Pfeifer	2154 West Lawn Ave.	Madison	WI	53711
James	Davies	820 Williamson St Apt 104	Madison	WI	53703
Zak	Wakefield	910 Vine St.	LA CROSSE	WI	54601
Randall	Rowlett	7431 N. Lake Dr.	Fox Point	WI	53217
Calvin	Manthey	4700 21st Street	Racine	WI	53406
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Raymond	Litzsinger	1159 Gross Avenue	Green Bay	WI	2555
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Steven	Alexander	1522 N Marshall St Apt 203	Milwaukee	WI	2058
John	Murphy	1918 N. Sawyer Rd	Oconomowoc	WI	53066
Greg	Koshak	8709 Cattail Lane	Larsen	WI	54947
michelle	johnson	po box 62	winneconne	WI	54986
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Jeffrey	Mirate	108 14th Street	Prairie du Sac	WI	1408
Jennifer	Kastigar	3291 5th Lane	Oxford	WI	53952
Joachim	Kowol	1937 N81st Street	Wauwatosa	WI	53213
Tyler	Murphy	1903 5th St. W	Menomonie	WI	54751
Dawn	Higgins	178 1/2 4th	Fond du Lac	WI	54935
Katy	Walter	4121 W. Granada	Greenfield	WI	53221
Emily	Bernstein	523 Wingra St. #2	Madison	WI	53715
Barry	Hoerz	N3880 Co. Rd. KK	Weyauwega	WI	54983
Emily	McGinley	1514 N 50th St	Milwaukee	WI	53208
Daniel	Nessman	1618 So. 15th St.	Manitowoc	WI	54220
Jennifer	Jahrman	3735 S. Whitnall Ave.	Milwaukee	WI	53207
susan	winecki	8200 N. Green Bay Road	River Hills	WI	53217
David and					
Betty	Knutzen	5096 Tuggle Lane	Waunakee	WI	53597
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To: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Fr: Steve Boston, Buyer for Agricultural Products
Blain's Farm and Fleet

Re: Assembly Bill 3

Date: January 28, 2009

As a Member of the Alliance of Wisconsin Retailers, Blain's Farm and Fleet would like to raise a few concerns we have with Assembly Bill 3 and request the Committee amend the bill to address these concerns to make it workable for Wisconsin retailers who sell turf fertilizer.

Details of Assembly Bill 3:

- Prohibits the retail sale of turf fertilizer containing phosphorus unless the fertilizer is used for land for agricultural production, the prohibition does not apply to the use of manure that is mechanically dried, ground, or pelletized, or to a finished sewage sludge product or turf fertilizer with phosphorus can be used to establish grass until the first growing season or it can be used if a soil test shows the soil in the area is deficient in phosphorus.
- Prohibits retailers from displaying turf fertilizer that contains phosphorus.
- Allows retailers to post a sign stating that turf fertilizer containing phosphorus is available upon request for the purposes outlined in the bill.
- Fines for violation: \$50 for a first violation and \$200 to \$500 for a second or subsequent violation.

Concerns:

1. The terms "turf fertilizer" and "fertilizer" are used interchangeably in the bill. This is a problem because without the word "turf" included, the bill could be applied to any fertilizer product whether it is garden fertilizer, plant food, enriched potting soil or any other soil enhancement of any kind that contains phosphorus.
2. The cost for retailers to comply with the provisions of the bill is significant as it would require an employee to accompany the customer to the stockroom to get a bag of turf fertilizer for every transaction of turf fertilizer with phosphorus. While it may not seem like a burden to the retailer, on any given Spring Saturday Blains will sell hundreds of bags of turf fertilizer permitted under the bill. The additional work for our staff will add to our costs which we will likely pass on to the customer.

We would suggest an amendment to the bill to require point of sale signage clearly identifying the restrictions of use for turf fertilizer with phosphorus.

We understand the desire to move quickly on this bill and urge the committee to amend the bill to make it more workable for Wisconsin's retailers who sell turf fertilizer. Blain's Farm and Fleet has store locations in the following Wisconsin cities: Madison, Verona, Janesville, Baraboo, La Crosse, Chippewa Falls, Rice Lake, Watertown, Waukesha, Oak Creek, Monroe, Dodgeville, Platteville and Sturtevant.



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Written Testimony of Representative Garey Bies
Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
Assembly Bill 3 – Restriction on the Sale of Fertilizer containing Phosphorous

Fellow Committee members, I appreciate the opportunity to submit my testimony in support of Assembly Bill 3, relating to the restriction on the sale of fertilizer containing phosphorous. Coming from the First District, I have more lake frontage than any other Assembly District in Wisconsin. I first introduced this proposal last session at the request of the Soil and Water Department of Door County. This session, I am proud to be part of a strong bipartisan group of authors that understand the significance of this legislation. The quality of our lake water is incredibly important to my district as it is to all of Wisconsin.

Assembly Bill 3 places restrictions on the sale and use of fertilizers containing phosphorous in an attempt to stem the flow of excess phosphorous into our environment.

First, this legislation restricts the sale of fertilizer containing phosphorous except for authorized purposes which include starting new lawns or for applications in areas that are shown to be phosphorous deficient. If there is sufficient phosphorous in the soil, additional phosphorous is not needed, and simply flushes away in run-off.

Secondly, the legislation prevents a retailer from displaying fertilizer containing phosphorous and instead authorizes a retailer to post a sign indicating that phosphorous fertilizer is available for purchase provided the intended use meets the authorized purposes.

There has been much discussion with this legislation since it was first introduced last session. The proposal has widespread support throughout Wisconsin and it is time for the state legislature to act.

I will conclude my brief remarks by respectfully requesting your support of Assembly Bill 3 in committee. I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you.

Bob Miller
Pres. of YLA

Thank you for holding today's public hearing on Assembly Bill 3.

The Yahara Lakes Association, Ltd. (YLA) is a nonprofit association which works to improve and preserve the lakes and rivers in the Yahara chain of lakes in south central Wisconsin. YLA represents the interests of shore property owners and advocates for the vitality of the lakes, so everyone can enjoy them.

I am here this morning on behalf of YLA to speak in support of the Clean Lakes Bill.

In the past week, I have attended two presentations by eminent UW and Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources limnologist, Dr. Richard Lathrop. Dr. Lathrop dramatically demonstrates in his presentations, through scientific study, the harmful effects of excess phosphorous loading on rivers and lakes causing algae blooms and degradation of overall water quality. The Yahara Lakes, well known as perhaps the most studied lakes in the country, annually demonstrate the effects of excessive phosphorous loading with weed filled bays and channels. Beyond just hampering recreation and enjoyment of the lakes, excessive vegetation growth restricts water flow, which in a high water years like this last year causes hundreds of thousands of dollars of damage to lakeshore property.

But more importantly are the health benefits of reducing algae growth by limiting phosphorous runoff in our lakes and streams. Beach closings and pet deaths result from toxic levels of algae growth. And in 2002 the Dane County Coroner concluded the death of a Cottage Grove teenager was likely the first in the nation caused by exposure to a toxin released by algae. A young man who was a friend and classmate of my own son at Monona Grove High School.

Yes, the stakes of keeping our lakes clean are high. According to the Wisconsin Association of Lakes, polluted runoff is impairing or threatening an estimated 90% of our lakes. Phosphorous from lawn fertilizer is not the only cause of pollution in Wisconsin lakes. But, restricting its use is an important part of the challenge of cleaning up and preserving our lakes.

Dane County has shown that healthy lawns can be maintained using phosphorous free fertilizers. And as referenced in this morning's Madison newspaper, positive results from Dane County's fertilizer ordinance may already be bearing fruit with enhanced water clarity.

This simple, common sense bill doesn't result in any increased costs for consumers, retailers, or taxpayers. Speaking as a city alderman, a statewide policy would save local governments the duplicative costs of developing independent ordinances and ensure consistency across the state for consumers, retailers, and suppliers.

A statewide restriction on phosphorous in lawn fertilizer is good public policy. The Yahara Lakes Associations urges you to support AB 3, The Clean Lakes Bill.

Thank you.



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41ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

January 28, 2009

Rep. Spencer Black, Chair
Natural Resources Committee
Room 210 North, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Chair Black and Committee Members:

Thank you for holding this hearing today on Assembly Bill 3, which would create restrictions on the use and sale of fertilizer containing phosphorus and other turf fertilizer. I am a co-sponsor of this proposal, and ask that you support this bill when it comes up for a vote in executive session.

Legislation similar to this was introduced last session, but unfortunately did not pass. A number of municipalities around the state have passed bans on their own, but a statewide uniform set of standards is preferable to a patchwork of local ordinances. Our streams and rivers do not recognize municipal boundaries, furthering the need for a comprehensive approach.

I have heard from several of my constituents regarding AB 3, as my district is home to a great number of lakes, including Big Green Lake, which is the deepest inland lake in Wisconsin and a prime fishing and recreation destination.

Officials with the Green Lake Sanitary District have briefed me on the impact phosphorus has on Big Green. In a year with average rainfall, Big Green receives over 18,000 pounds of phosphorus from runoff. Every pound of phosphorus can create up to 500 pounds of algae—do the math, that's over 9 million pounds of algae. In addition to the negative aesthetic aspects, algae can impact other aquatic plants and fish habitat, not to mention the foul smell during the summer months.

Help preserve Wisconsin's waters for future generations, please support AB 3.

Regards,

Joan Ballweg
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28 January 2009

Chairman Spencer Black
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Re: Support for AB 3, a Bill to Prohibit the Use of Phosphorus-Containing Lawn Fertilizers

Dear Chairman Black,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on AB 3. We are grateful for the opportunity to communicate with the Natural Resources Committee on a bill of such great significance.

WLWCA is a membership organization that represents elected county board supervisors serving on their county Land Conservation Committee. In 2006 and 2008, by overwhelming majorities, WLWCA members voted in favor of a resolution calling upon the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor to pass a law prohibiting the sale and use of phosphorus-containing lawn fertilizers.

As you know there are many sources of the excess phosphorus that is responsible for the algae blooms and weed mats that harm our lakes and degrade our environment. The agriculture sector is surely responsible for its share. However phosphorus runoff from agricultural land is already regulated and farmers are working hard to do what they can to reduce pollution. It is time for the developed lands to have their turn.

County conservation departments have been leaders in the effort to reduce phosphorus pollution in our waters. We ask you to join with their efforts and vote in favor of a meaningful and effective bill to prohibit the use and sale of phosphorus-containing lawn fertilizer.

I would be pleased to work with you on this issue. Please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely

Julian Zelazny
Executive Director



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Assembly Natural Resources Committee
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Dear Representative Black and Committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for AB 3.

Reducing and preventing phosphorus runoff is a top priority for lake management organizations. Many of our members have been working for years to develop phosphorus free lawn fertilizer programs on a lake by lake basis, asking retailers to stock phosphorus free fertilizer, and working with their town, village, or city governments to pass local phosphorus ordinances. But local efforts—while widespread across the state—have not been enough.

Nutrients like phosphorus—a common ingredient in lawn fertilizer—are degrading 90% of Wisconsin's inland lakes. Plants don't absorb more phosphorus than they can use, and excess phosphorus from lawns washes directly into our lakes and streams, causing smelly algae blooms, fish kills, and declining water quality.

Lakes and rivers can be extremely sensitive to small amounts of phosphorus runoff. Tiny amounts of phosphorus (as little as 25 parts per billion) can cause excessive algae growth in lakes. Preventing even small amounts of phosphorus from getting into the water can make a big difference. And it is much easier to prevent phosphorus from entering our lakes than it is to manage the problems caused once it gets there.

In addition, many undesirable (and expensive to manage) invasive species such as Eurasian water milfoil, curly leaf pondweed, and carp prefer nutrient rich waters. While not a prevention strategy unto itself, minimizing the amount of nutrients entering our waters may make conditions less ideal for some invasive species.

A growing body of research finds using phosphorus free lawn fertilizer is a common sense, simple, and cost effective way to reduce the amount of nutrients entering our waterways.

Wisconsin lawns and soils already contain adequate—and often excessive—amounts of phosphorus. It takes 20 parts per million (ppm) of soil phosphorus to grow healthy turf. Agricultural soils in every Wisconsin county have at least 20 ppm of soil phosphorus,

with the average concentration being 53 ppm. Some counties have significantly higher concentrations, up to 160 ppm. Phosphorus levels in residential Wisconsin lawns have been estimated on average to contain twice the amount of phosphorus (105 ppm) than the average farm field. Soil testing of residential lawns across the state (see map) indicates that the vast majority of lawns already contains enough phosphorus to support healthy turf.

Wisconsin's lake organizations invest private funds to help manage our public waters. Waterfront property owners are willing to do their part to prevent phosphorus from entering Wisconsin's lakes, but they need your help. After decades of local efforts, Wisconsin lake groups, local governments, counties and citizens are calling for statewide restrictions on phosphorus in lawn fertilizer.

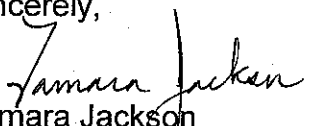
A statewide policy would ensure consistency across the state for consumers, retailers, and suppliers. Although phosphorus fertilizer ordinances have passed in thirty two cities, villages, and towns, without consistent, statewide policy consumers may unknowingly violate local ordinances designed to protect local lakes by buying products in jurisdictions without similar ordinances.

This simple, common sense bill doesn't result in any increased costs for consumers, retailers, or taxpayers. There have been no increased regulatory burdens or enforcement issues where it has been implemented. It just helps keep our waters a little cleaner. Using phosphorus free lawn fertilizer is a common easy way everyone can contribute to better water quality—regardless of where they live.

Passage of AB 3 would be a significant step forward in the efforts to curb the avalanche of nutrients that pollute our public lakes.

Thank you for your continued leadership and support on this important issue.

Sincerely,


Tamara Jackson
Wisconsin Association of Lakes

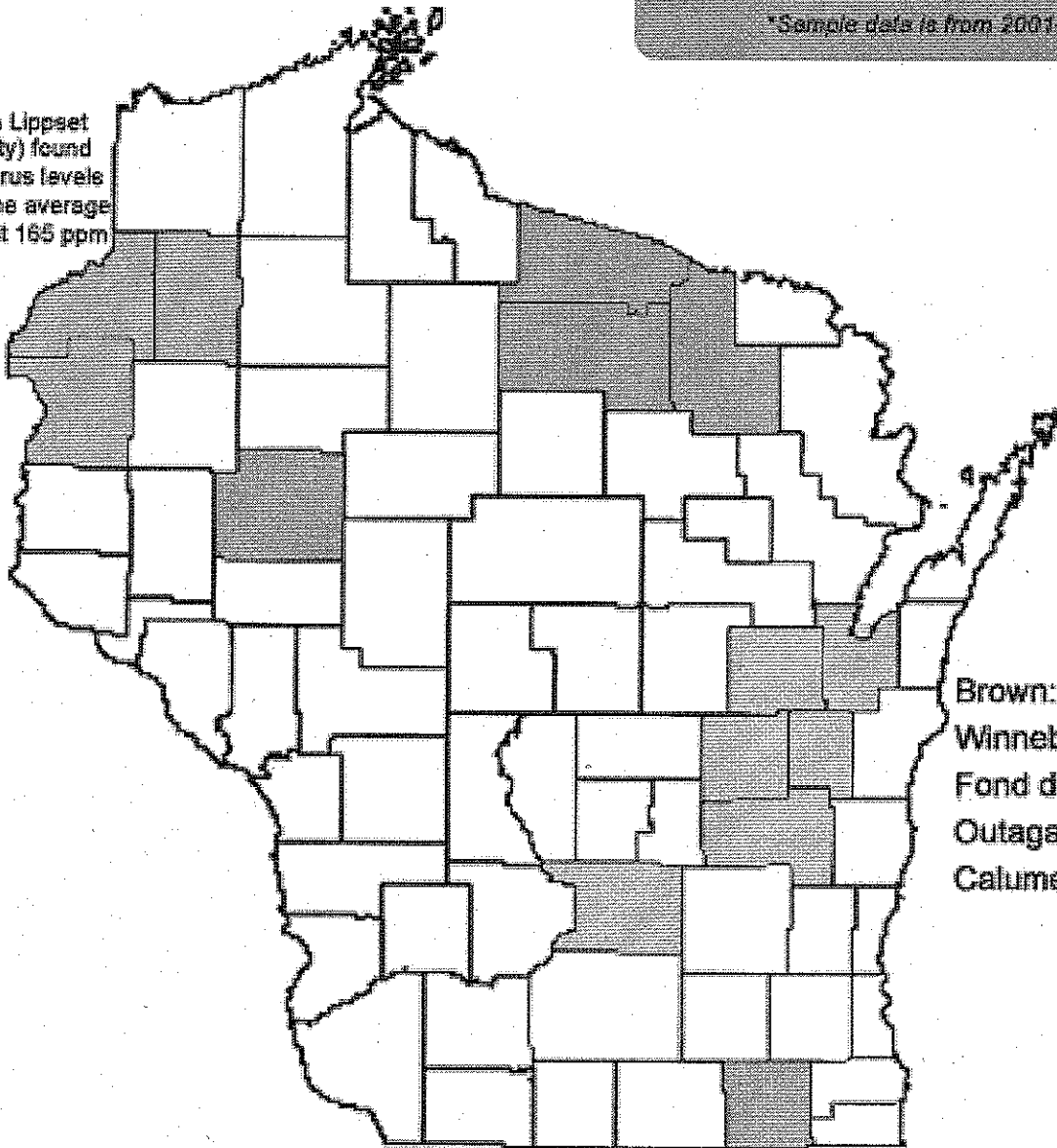
Phosphorus in Wisconsin lawns

Many parts of Northwest Wisconsin have naturally high soil phosphorus levels because of glacial deposits. Applying phosphorus lawn fertilizers is unnecessary and increases already high soil phosphorus concentrations.

Northeast Wisconsin's soils commonly contain greater than 120 parts per million (ppm) soil phosphorus, far exceeding the 20 ppm that is adequate to sustain healthy turf grass. See map below for average lawn soil phosphorus levels in five Northeast Counties.*

*Sample data is from 2001-2005 (UW-Lab)

Recent samples on Lippset lake (Burnett County) found excessive phosphorus levels in lakeshore soil, the average 77 ppm, the highest 165 ppm



Brown: 200 ppm
Winnebago: 175 ppm
Fond du Lac: 148 ppm
Outagamie: 120 ppm
Calumet: 114 ppm

Two USGS studies on Wisconsin lakes found lawns send more phosphorus to the lake (10-100 times more than wooded sites) and lawn fertilizer choice makes a difference (lawns using phosphorus fertilizer produced 50% more phosphorus runoff)

A sampling of Dane County lawn soils found an average soil phosphorus concentration of 54 ppm. Some lawns had up to 438 ppm.

WI Assoc of Lakes.

2009 Assembly Bill 3

Testimony Submitted to Assembly Natural Resources Committee

**By Dane County Supervisor Brett Hulsey,
Chair, Dane County Lakes and Watersheds Commission
And Susan A. Jones
Director, Dane County Office of Lakes and Watersheds**

January 28, 2009

Thank you for holding this hearing and supporting AB 3. My name is Brett Hulsey and I am a Dane County Supervisor, Chair of the Lakes and Watershed Commission, and a sponsor of Dane County's ordinance to ban phosphorus in lawn fertilizers. Dane County supports this measure.

Dane County citizens enjoy more than 20,000 acres of lakes and streams, and County government and our partners like the cities, villages and towns, DNR, DATCP, and citizens are taking every possible action to control phosphorus runoff into those waters that are so important to our quality of life and our local economy. AB 3 will take the Dane County effort to reduce phosphorus to other counties and is a major step forward to protect the state's lakes and rivers.

Why are we controlling this nutrient? Phosphorus from many sources causes excessive algae growth, beach closings, and decreases water clarity, often turning lakes green. Decaying algae also depletes oxygen in the water, which can cause fish kills. In 2002, Dane County had the first human death in the nation caused by exposure to a toxin released from an algae bloom ingested by a young man while swimming in a golf pond.

Phosphorus is not needed. Dane County soils contain at least two times more phosphorus than that needed for healthy turf, according to research conducted by Dr. Elena Bennett, who sampled 236 lawns in urban, rural, and suburban locations. She found the average soil phosphorus level to be 54 parts per million. UW Extension's recommendation on the phosphorus level sufficient for healthy turf: 20 parts per million. Many other Wisconsin soils are similar.

Urban sources are significant. City of Madison studies also show that runoff from urban residential areas has high phosphorus levels and lawn fertilizer is an important component of that. In the Lake Mendota watershed, one fourth of the phosphorus pollution comes from urban sources and lawn fertilizer is a part of that.

As part of our effort to improve lake water quality by reducing phosphorus runoff, Dane County held extensive public input and discussion and adopted an ordinance banning unnecessary phosphorus in lawn fertilizer in April 2004 (effective January 2005). The ordinance (Chapter 80 of the Dane County Code of Ordinances) is substantially similar to the language of AB 3, and applies in every town, village and city in the County.

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The ordinance:

- Prohibits use of phosphorus-containing lawn fertilizers, unless a soil test shows that phosphorus is necessary.
- Prohibits retail display of phosphorus-containing lawn fertilizers.
- Makes clear that golf courses, farmstead lawns, and commercial applications to lawns are subject to the ordinance.
- Exempts newly-established turf and lawns during their first growing season.
- Exempts fertilizers intended primarily for garden and indoor plant application, and fertilizers applied to trees and shrubs and for agricultural uses.
- Clarifies that yard waste compost and biosolids intended primarily as soil amendments are exempt from the ordinance.
- Specifies penalties for ordinance violations, with higher penalties for commercial/retail violations.

We are now into our fifth year of implementation, which has been smooth and effective. There is no doubt that much less fertilizer containing phosphorus is now being applied to Dane County lawns. Retailers were readily able to secure and offer phosphorus-free lawn fertilizer (we provided a delayed implementation date to allow for this, and for sale of existing inventory).

Our citizens who use lawn fertilizer are now purchasing the phosphorus-free product that meets their needs for healthy turf without adding to our already excessive soil phosphorus levels. We do not have any evidence of problems with lawns or runoff as a result of our ordinance. We have not received complaints from retailers either.

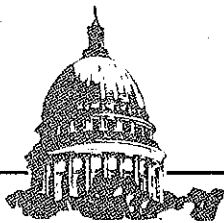
Modeling conducted by Dr. Steve Carpenter of the UW Center for Limnology tells us that we can expect the impact of the ordinance alone to be one to five additional low-algae days per month for Lake Mendota.

Our neighbors to the west in Minnesota, particularly John Barten, Water Resources Manager at Three Rivers Park District in the Twin Cities area, do have water quality monitoring data supporting their conclusion that restricting phosphorus use is an effective low-cost practice for reducing phosphorus in runoff from residential areas.

Both the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin and the 7th Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals have upheld our ordinance. You can read those decisions on our Dane County Office of Lakes and Watersheds web site:

www.danewaters.com/management/phosphorus.aspx. Additional resources posted there include the text of our ordinance and 44 pages of expert answers to questions posed during the Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission's development of the ordinance, which it undertook at the request of Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk.

The Dane County Board and Lakes and Watersheds Commission support your efforts to protect our health, safety and lakes and urge you to adopt AB 3. For more information, contact Susan A. Jones, 608/224-3764, jones.susan@co.dane.wi.us.



MARK MILLER

WISCONSIN STATE SENATOR

P.O. Box 7882 Madison, WI 53707-7882

Testimony before Assembly Natural Resources Committee

January 28, 2009

Assembly Bill 3

Thank you for holding a public hearing on Assembly Bill 3, the bill to restrict phosphorus in lawn fertilizers. I would like to thank Representative Black and Bies and Senator Cowles who have co-authored this bill.

Wisconsin lakes and rivers are precious resources and essential to Wisconsin's culture and sense of identity. Phosphorus from lawn fertilizers can run off into our lakes and streams and have a negative impact on water quality. According to the Department of Natural Resources, an estimated 40 percent of streams in Wisconsin, and 90 percent of inland lakes, are degraded or threatened by polluted runoff.

Excess phosphorus is a major cause of these algae blooms. When fertilizer containing phosphorus is applied to nearby yards, phosphorus inevitably ends up in the lakes and streams. While both nitrogen and phosphorus promote plant growth, phosphorus in our lakes and streams is what makes the ugly smelly algae blooms that rob us of enjoying our lakes. These blooms are detrimental to native plant life. They lower oxygen levels in the water, resulting in fish kills. In addition, water rich in nutrients such as phosphorus encourages the spread of invasive species that can further damage the ecosystem of a lake.

This bill provides exceptions for agriculture, new lawns and lawns where a soil test demonstrates a phosphorus deficiency. The bill does not apply to fertilizer products that are animal or vegetable manure or finished sewage sludge. These products are good examples of the reuse of waste and have a small level of phosphorus that cannot be removed.

Switching to non-phosphorus lawn fertilizers will improve Wisconsin's water quality and help control polluted runoff.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the Assembly passing this important legislation.



DANE COUNTY

Kathleen M. Falk
County Executive

For Immediate Release

DATE: January 27, 2009

Contact: Joshua Wescott, Office of the County Executive (608) 267-8823 or cell (608) 669-5606

County Executive Falk Statement: Legislature Considers Statewide Phosphorus Ban

Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk issued the following statement regarding a public hearing to be held Wednesday before the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources. A hearing will be held on legislation similar to a Dane County ordinance that took effect January 1, 2005 - - the first countywide ordinance in Wisconsin that limited the sale of fertilizers containing phosphorus.

(Madison)...“As County Executive of the first county in Wisconsin to pass a ban on unnecessary phosphorus in lawn fertilizer, I commend the state legislature’s attention to this important step we can take to improve the health of our lakes. A statewide policy like Dane County’s would also ensure consistency across Wisconsin for consumers, retailers and suppliers.

Since Dane County’s ban took effect four years ago, retailers and homeowners have worked fabulously together to reduce the amount of phosphorus that goes into our lakes, and thereby the excessive algae growth linked to too much phosphorus. Their shared goal of having healthier lakes ensures families will be able to enjoy these natural treasures for generations to come.

I thank Representative Spencer Black and Senator Mark Miller for their leadership on this issue and look forward to continued joint efforts between local and state government to protect and improve the quality of our lakes.”

Dane County’s ordinance is similar to the legislation, SB5 and AB3 introduced in the State Senate and Assembly.

Dane County Supervisor Brett Hulsey, Chair of the County’s Lakes and Watershed Commission will testify at Wednesday’s hearing.

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WMC
WISCONSIN'S BUSINESS VOICE

TO: Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
FROM: Scott Manley, Environmental Policy Director
DATE: January 28, 2009
RE: Assembly Bill 3 – Regulation of Fertilizer

Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC) appreciates the opportunity to provide input on Assembly Bill 3, which would regulate the sale and use of fertilizer containing phosphorous. There are a number of implementation issues we would like to call to the Committee's attention, and respectfully request your consideration to amend the bill in order to simplify compliance and enforcement.

WMC is the state's largest business trade association, with over 4,000 members in the manufacturing, service, health care, retail, energy, banking and insurance sectors of our economy. WMC is dedicated to making Wisconsin the most competitive state in the nation to do business, and toward that end, we support consistent, cost-effective and market-driven regulatory approaches that are supported by sound science. With those principles in mind, we request your consideration of the following changes to Assembly Bill 3.

(1) Remove the ban on selling fertilizer containing phosphorous, and focus the regulation on end-users. With limited exceptions, the bill would prohibit the sale, display and application of fertilizer containing phosphorous in Wisconsin. The regulatory approach taken in this legislation is problematic because it places retail businesses in the difficult and unfair position of having to determine if their customer intends to use the product lawfully. For example, a retailer would be prohibited from selling fertilizer containing phosphorus under the bill, unless the product is sold to a person for use in the first growing season, or to a person who has a soil test demonstrating the need for additional phosphorus.

It is unreasonable to expect retailers to serve as a finder of fact to determine, at the point of sale, whether their customer will use the product in accordance with the law. As a result, and because of the forfeitures in the bill, retailers may simply choose to stop selling an otherwise lawful product, resulting in diminished consumer choice. A much better approach would focus the regulation on the end user, and restrict the manner and circumstances under which users are allowed to apply fertilizer containing phosphorous.

(2) Remove the ban on displaying fertilizer containing phosphorous. WMC is also concerned that this legislation unjustifiably restricts commerce by prohibiting businesses from displaying a lawful product in their stores. As stated above, the bill would allow fertilizer containing phosphorous to be sold under certain circumstances, including for agricultural production, for soil determined to be deficient in phosphorous, and for application in the first growing season.

Despite these lawful uses, Assembly Bill 3 would prohibit businesses from displaying the product within view of customers.

The bill's display prohibition is unwarranted, will severely undermine the ability of merchants to conduct vital in-store marketing, and will create logistical problems for businesses who simply cannot afford to sacrifice valuable storage space in order to hide their products from customers. If enacted, this restriction poses yet another reason why retailers may decide to stop offering a lawful product to customers who legitimately need it.

There are many products for which the legislature has placed restrictions on retail sale, including tobacco products, alcohol and lottery tickets. However, in none of these examples are retailers prohibited from displaying those products to their customers. Banning the display of fertilizer containing phosphorous is not necessary to achieve the intent of this legislation, and should be removed from the bill.

(3) Preempt Local Fertilizer Regulations. WMC believes that a uniform and statewide policy to regulate fertilizer is the best approach to address water quality impacts, and will lead to a higher degree of compliance. We therefore support adding language to the bill that would prohibit local governments from enacting ordinances to prohibit or otherwise regulate fertilizers. Replacing a confusing patchwork of overlapping and inconsistent fertilizer regulations enacted by local governments with a statewide policy will also simplify enforcement. This approach is similar to the policy established by the Legislature for regulating pesticides.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of these changes to Assembly Bill 3. With these amendments, WMC would support passage of this legislation.

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Testimony

Assembly Committee on Natural Resources

**Public Hearing relating to AB 3, restrictions on use and sale of fertilizers containing phosphates
January 28, 2009**

Chairman Black and Committee members, thank you for the opportunity to comment today on Assembly Bill 3. I am Kathy Pielsticker, Administrator of the Division of Agricultural Resource Management, representing Secretary Nilsen and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. The comments of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection are intended for information only as you deliberate the bill.

It is our desire at DATCP to assist in protecting water quality while also working with consumers and businesses to comply with state standards. The bill's intent to reduce phosphorus loading to Wisconsin's waters is worthy. We would also suggest a few small modifications to the bill that will ease administrative burden on the department.

Wisconsin's existing fertilizer laws are first and foremost consumer protection programs that guarantee consumers get—at a minimum--the nutrients the label says are present. There are no labeling regulations related to maximum levels of the primary plant nutrients. What this means is that fertilizer legally can be labeled as having 0.0 percent available phosphate and still contain available phosphate. While it is unlikely that fertilizer labeled as 0.0% available phosphate would contain amounts significantly above this, I wanted to make sure you understand that our label regulations are minimum nutrient guarantees. I also wanted you to be aware that it is impossible to guarantee available phosphate or phosphorus in any substance at 0.0. Even corn gluten meal, which is a popular, EPA-recognized safe broadleaf herbicide used as an alternative to registered pesticides, contains small amounts of phosphorus. This bill could unintentionally restrict this eco-friendly approach to weed control.

Second, I wanted to let you know that the department does not currently regulate to whom fertilizer may be sold or how it may be used. We are unclear about expectations on the enforcement of the provisions in the bill. Even if the department enforced the provisions on a complaint-only basis, it would require additional state resources. The bill also could require new recordkeeping requirements on retailers and agricultural cooperatives.

Third, you may not be aware that the department currently does not certify soil testing laboratories for turf nutrient management purposes. There are a total of seven University of Wisconsin and commercial laboratories certified under ATCP 50 to conduct soil tests for *agricultural* nutrient management purposes. Some, but not all of these labs, also provide turf nutrient analysis, which requires different analytical methodology. To meet the bill's requirement, the department would need to revise and expand its laboratory certification program, which would require additional state resources. A suggested alternative to the certification requirement—such as requiring laboratories to use DNR's turf nutrient management standard when making nutrient recommendations--may be workable, but will require additional discussions with DNR, the University of Wisconsin and other soil testing laboratories.

I also am recommending two important technical changes to the bill.

First, by statute and rule, DATCP's fertilizer program regulates guarantees for available phosphate on labels, not phosphorus. We recommend replacing all references to "fertilizer labeled as containing phosphorus" to "fertilizer labeled as containing available phosphate" to ensure consistency with existing regulations.

Second, the definition of manipulated manure in the bill is different than that already in rule. I will not read that definition in full, but recommend replacing the definition of manipulated manure in the bill with the definition of manipulated manure used in ATCP 40.02, Wis. Adm. Code. We will be happy to provide this language to the Chair and committee to assist with your consideration of this possible change.

Chairman Black and committee members, I thank you for this opportunity to address you regarding Assembly Bill 3 and appreciate your interest in protecting our state's surface waters. My staff and I are available and willing to work with you on the bill to ensure it is consistent with existing programs, able to be implemented by the department and meets your intent to reduce the amount of phosphorus entering Wisconsin's waters.



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Support AB 3, The Clean Lakes Bill Before the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, 01/28/09 By Shahla M. Werner, PhD, Director, Sierra Club- John Muir Chapter

Thank you for holding this hearing on the Clean Lakes Bill (AB 3) and for accepting comments on behalf of our 15,000 Sierra Club members in Wisconsin. The Sierra Club urges you to support this common sense legislation.

The Sierra Club believes that the Clean Lakes bill (AB 3) to restrict phosphorus in lawn fertilizer is needed to help reduce runoff that contributes to nutrient pollution in Wisconsin's aquatic habitats. Twenty six peer-reviewed research papers published since 1975 support the idea that overuse of phosphorus lawn fertilizer is linked with decreased water quality. Excess phosphorus contributes to algal blooms and eutrophication that seriously threaten Wisconsin's \$2.75 billion dollar per year sport fishing industry and our \$13 billion dollar per year tourism industry.

AB 3 allows for reasonable exceptions. Namely, phosphorus fertilizer is allowed for establishing new turf and for areas found to be deficient in this essential plant macro-mineral following a soil test. In Wisconsin, the average residential lawn is rarely lacking in phosphorus, with an average of 105 parts per million, or five times the phosphorus needed to support healthy turf. AB 3 also bans the spreading of fertilizer, manure or sludge on frozen ground or impervious surfaces, practices that obviously contribute to runoff.

This bill is modeled after Dane County's existing ordinance that restricts phosphorus lawn fertilizer. An analysis of Minnesota's phosphorus restriction law, passed in 2002, found that this law has effectively reduced the over-use of phosphorus lawn fertilizers. It also found that phosphorus-free lawn fertilizers are readily available at no additional cost to consumers.

A recent editorial in the Wisconsin State Journal referenced past efforts by Rep. Spencer Black and former State Senator Midge Miller to restrict phosphorus in detergents. This reminded me how this successful policy prompted industry to produce products that were more environmentally-friendly while being just as effective at meeting consumer needs. The editorial also points out that we still have work to do to finish the job of cleaning up our lakes. Sierra Club concludes that we will get one step closer to this goal by passing the Clean Lakes bill. We urge you to adopt AB 3 as soon as possible without weakening amendments.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: Monica Groves Batiza, Legislative Associate

DATE: January 22, 2009

SUBJECT: Support for Assembly Bill 3

The Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) supports Assembly Bill 3 (AB 3), relating to restrictions on the use and sale of fertilizer containing phosphorus and other lawn fertilizer and providing a penalty.

In short, AB 3 bans the sale and use of lawn fertilizers that contain phosphorus for most residential applications. Under the bill, the use of fertilizer containing phosphorus is authorized to establish grass during the first growing season and in areas where soil tests show a phosphorus deficiency.

It should be noted that the restrictions created in AB 3 do not apply to agricultural land.

The negative effects of phosphorus have been found in lawn runoff, our lakes, rivers and streams, residential properties and public parks. For example, a single pound of phosphorus in runoff can cause up to 500 pounds of algae growth, and the accelerated growth of weeds and algae causes deterioration in water quality. This common sense legislation will protect Wisconsin's ground and surface water and reduce the presence of algae.

Thank you for considering our comments. Please contact me if you have any questions.



Our Mission:

"To educate and provide opportunities for people of diverse interests to work together to improve the environmental, recreational, cultural, and economic resources of the Rock River Basin"

January 22, 200

Representative Spencer Black, Chairman
Assembly Natural Resources Committee
Room 210 North
State Capitol
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

RE: AB 3 - Phosphorus Fertilizer Restrictions

Dear Representative Black, and Members of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee,

The Rock River Coalition is in full support of a Bill to restrict the statewide unnecessary use of phosphorus fertilizers for turf grass. The Rock River itself is impaired with excess phosphorus, and restricting the use of additional unneeded fertilizer on lawns in our basin is part of a larger strategy to improve the water quality in our basin's rivers and lakes.

Controlling phosphorus runoff from our watershed is one of the most important things we can do to control excess algae and to keep our area lakes and rivers healthy. Since local soils are naturally high in phosphorus, the application of additional unnecessary phosphorus in lawn fertilizers does not benefit our lawns, and can cause big problems for the lakes. When soils are saturated with phosphorus, it runs off into our lakes and streams where 1 lb. of phosphorus can generate 500 lbs of algae.

Because the storm sewers and roadside ditches in our local communities feed into our lakes and rivers, this ban is important throughout our communities, not just for waterfront property.

A number of communities in the Rock River Basin have passed ordinances restricting phosphorus in lawn fertilizers, creating a patchwork of protection for local waters. Because people may buy their fertilizer outside of the community where it is spread; local ordinances cannot give the same level of protection that a statewide ordinance would provide.

While we know that this is not the only source of phosphorus that needs addressing, it is an important, very low cost step, to help meet water quality goals in our phosphorus challenged watershed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Conley".

Lisa Conley, President

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January 22, 2009

Representative Spencer Black, Chairman

Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Room 210 North

State Capitol

P.O. Box 8952

Madison, WI 53708

RE: AB 3 - Phosphorus Fertilizer Restrictions

Dear Representative Black, and Members of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee,

On Behalf of the Town and Country RC&D, I ask your support for AB 3 - a bill that would restrict phosphorus in lawn fertilizer.

Controlling phosphorus runoff from our watershed is one of the most important things we can do to control excess algae and to keep our area lakes and rivers healthy. Since local soils are naturally high in phosphorus, the application of additional unnecessary phosphorus in lawn fertilizers does not benefit our lawns, and can cause big problems for the lakes. When soils are saturated with phosphorus, it runs off into our lakes and streams where 1 lb. of phosphorus can generate 500 lbs of algae.

A number of communities in our area have passed ordinances restricting phosphorus in lawn fertilizers, creating a patchwork of protection for local waters. Because people may buy their fertilizer outside of the community where it is spread, local ordinances cannot give the same level of protection that a statewide ordinance would provide.

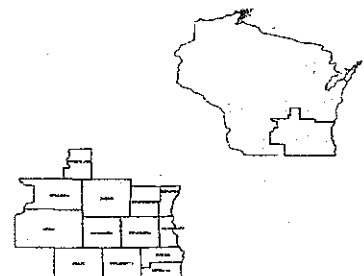
While we know that this is not the only source of phosphorus that needs addressing, it is an important, very low cost step, to help meet water quality goals in our 13 county area of SE Wisconsin, that includes: Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green Lake, Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha Counties.

Thanks for your attention, we hope you will support this bill, and forward it to the full Assembly for consideration.

Sincerely,



Lisa Conley, Water Team



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DANE COUNTY

Kathleen M. Falk
County Executive

For Immediate Release

DATE: January 27, 2009

Contact: Joshua Wescott, Office of the County Executive (608) 267-8823 or cell (608) 669-5606

County Executive Falk Statement: Legislature Considers Statewide Phosphorus Ban

Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk issued the following statement regarding a public hearing to be held Wednesday before the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources. A hearing will be held on legislation similar to a Dane County ordinance that took effect January 1, 2005 -- the first countywide ordinance in Wisconsin that limited the sale of fertilizers containing phosphorus.

(Madison)...“As County Executive of the first county in Wisconsin to pass a ban on unnecessary phosphorus in lawn fertilizer, I commend the state legislature’s attention to this important step we can take to improve the health of our lakes. A statewide policy like Dane County’s would also ensure consistency across Wisconsin for consumers, retailers and suppliers.

Since Dane County’s ban took effect four years ago, retailers and homeowners have worked fabulously together to reduce the amount of phosphorus that goes into our lakes, and thereby the excessive algae growth linked to too much phosphorus. Their shared goal of having healthier lakes ensures families will be able to enjoy these natural treasures for generations to come.

I thank Representative Spencer Black and Senator Mark Miller for their leadership on this issue and look forward to continued joint efforts between local and state government to protect and improve the quality of our lakes.”

Dane County’s ordinance is similar to the legislation, SB5 and AB3 introduced in the State Senate and Assembly.

Dane County Supervisor Brett Hulsey, Chair of the County’s Lakes and Watershed Commission will testify at Wednesday’s hearing.

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January 23, 2009

Representative Spencer Black
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Dear Representative Black,

I am writing from the Iron County Land & Water Conservation Department and I would like to show my support for **Assembly Bill 3** for restrictions on the use and sale of fertilizer containing phosphorus and other turf fertilizer and providing a penalty.

I work with a number of lake associations and private landowners on water resource protection. Phosphorous-free fertilizer is another tool to help promote resource protection that is an easy change. Resource managers and local groups have been pushing for local sale of phosphorous-free fertilizer for years, but some purchasers will not make the change on their own. Iron County has a county-wide lakes alliance that also promotes this movement and provides valuable information to their constituents.

This topic is of great concern to me as there six percent of Iron County's surface area is comprised of lake surface. There are 494 lakes and impoundments in the county with 612 miles of frontage. The Turtle Flambeau Flowage, an Outstanding Resource Water encompasses 13,545 acres in the county. Two-thirds of the county's lakes are less than 10 acres in size, which lends them very sensitive to development and pollution, including phosphorous. Many of the lakes in the county are pristine resources and the passing of **Assembly Bill 3** will help us to maintain that value for future generations. I understand the challenges presented for conservation efforts with the current budget restraints and appreciate your strength and commitment for natural resource protection.

Sincerely dedicated to conservation,

MaryJo Gingras
Iron County Conservationist

TO: Assembly Natural Resources Committee
FROM: The Golf Course Owners of Wisconsin
RE: 2009 Assembly Bill 3 – January 28, 2009 Committee Meeting

Dear Committee Members,

I represent the Golf Course Owners of Wisconsin (GCOW) and would like to make the following comments/concerns regarding AB-3 which would put restrictions on the use and sale of fertilizer containing phosphorus.

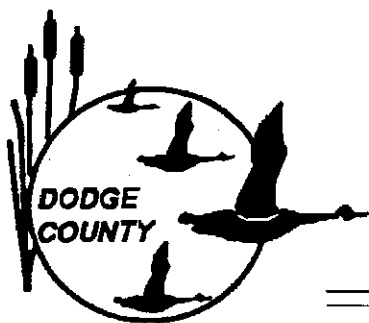
Since this bill would affect golf courses, we have the following comments.

- We encourage the committee to further research the true affects the phosphorus ban may achieve, since there seems to be varying opinions. In fact, recent comments on Radio station *WIBA 1310* from *UW-Madison Horticulturist/Professor John Stier* questions the fact that the run-off from the phosphorus in fertilizers has little, if any, detrimental effect at all. His comments are in a pod cast at www.wiba.com under the "Outside the Box" pod cast date 1/26/09. **I encourage all committee members to listen to the pod cast!**
- Phosphorus is retained in the soil, the presence of plants and vegetation such as one finds on a golf course keeps the soil in place. Preventing the soil from entering the waterways of Wisconsin.
- Phosphorus contamination is an issue when there is soil erosion. Effective erosion barriers that exist on golf courses greatly assist in the protection of our waterways.
- Organic alternatives would in fact have a much greater negative impact on the phosphorus levels of the waterways in Wisconsin.
- In these very difficult times, the economic value of tourism to the state is an important factor. If this one of a kind ban would have a negative affect on the tourism industry for reasons that lack scientific basis, we think that would be a very unfortunate thing.

These are just some things we feel the committee should consider and that more extensive research should be done to truly get the accurate findings before such a bill would be considered.

Thank you,

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January 26, 2009

Representative Spencer Black, Chair
Assembly Natural Resources Committee
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Representative Black;

As members of the Dodge County Land Conservation Committee, we strongly encourage the Assembly Natural Resources Committee to forward the Clean Lakes Bill (AB 3) on to the full Assembly for consideration and passage.

Passage of this bill into law is an important step Wisconsin needs to take to help protect our rivers, streams and lakes from nonpoint source (runoff) pollution. This bill proposes to take simple, yet effective action by controlling the sale and use of lawn fertilizers containing phosphorus. On average, soils of most Wisconsin turf grass have been found to contain up to five times more phosphorus than is needed to grow healthy grass. Using lawn fertilizers containing phosphorus is usually unnecessary to maintain healthy turf grass. When phosphorus lawn fertilizers are applied to turf that is then subjected to heavy rain and stormwater runoff events, phosphorus and other nutrients are flushed from the land, and deposited in our lakes and streams, causing excessive algae blooms and weed growth. This bill will help protect all of Wisconsin's lakes and streams from unnecessary sources of runoff pollution.

Again, we urge the Assembly Natural Resources Committee to send Assembly Bill 3 to the Assembly for a vote as soon as possible. Thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts.

Sincerely,

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee

Dennis Vander Werf
Jeff Berres
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[Signature]

Howard Kriewald
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LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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Dear Chairperson Black,

Please accept the following letter to be placed on record for the hearing on the elimination of phosphorous in lawn fertilizers.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lamers
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I am living in the Red Cedar Watershed in North Western WI. I also spoke at your hearing last year on this same subject. The waters of Lakes Tainter and Menomin continue to get worse and this ban can help start the correction of human pollution to our vast natural resources in WI.

Our major concern is the Clean Water Act enacted by Congress in 1972 to "restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters" The CWA further declared that "it is the national goal that the discharge of pollutants into the navigable waters be eliminated by 1985". It is now 2009!

My children and grandchildren can not use our lake during 80% of the months of June through Sep. because of the bacteria created by the pollution.

Please understand that this problem will not disappear and it is only getting worse. Thanks for your consideration.



MIDWEST HARDWARE ASSOCIATION

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January 28, 2009

MEMO

TO: Members of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee

FROM: Douglas Johnson, General Counsel

RE: Support AB 3 (with two amendments)

The Midwest Hardware Association requests that AB 3 be amended to:

- (1) Allow fertilizer containing phosphorus to be displayed with signage noting limited permitted uses (allowing retailers to help educate consumers and to continue sound retail practices by not hiding product in the backroom);
- (2) Hold retailers/sales clerks harmless for sales to customers who then violate permitted usage rules; and
- (3) If (1) is rejected, extend the effective date from 12 months to 18 months to allow current inventories to be sold.

Thank you for your consideration.

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